



**LOS ANGELES AREA**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 18, 2017

Randy Fiorini  
Chair, Delta Stewardship Council  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Delta Plan Amendments**

Dear Chairman Fiorini:

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (LA Chamber), our 1,650 members and the nearly 650,000 people they employ in the Los Angeles region, to share our perspective on the Delta Plan as the Delta Stewardship Council continues working to expand its guidance for future improvements to Delta conveyance, water storage and reservoir operations.

As you know, the Delta Plan, as drafted by the Stewardship Council, serves as the essential blueprint for numerous local, state and federal agencies to advance these goals through their representative jurisdictions.

Overall, we agree with the Council findings that the status quo in the Delta is unsustainable and unacceptable. Increasing risks from sea level rise, subsidence and earthquakes in the Delta threaten not only the water supply for 25 million Californians, but also the state's \$2 trillion economy that depends on reliable supplies of high quality water.

We also agree that Delta water systems need to be modernized with new intakes in a manner that is compatible with Delta communities, and support the recommendation of building additional storage so that more supplies can be captured during wet periods.

To refine these broad objectives into appropriate final language, we encourage you to work closely with the stakeholders representing our communities who are most closely engaged in this vital process, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, its member agencies, local water agencies and the State Water Contractors.

Southern California will continue to reduce its reliance on the Delta to meet future needs through historic investments in conservation and new local supply development. Water from Northern California will remain an important baseline supply and must help to provide the reserves necessary to withstand droughts. A successful conclusion to your process is critical to advance a modernization of the Delta water system to advance both restoration and water reliability goals.

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Beasley, Director of Public Policy for the L.A. Area Chamber, at (213) 580-7558 or [sbeasley@lachamber.com](mailto:sbeasley@lachamber.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Toebben".

Gary Toebben  
President & CEO